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help you. But if you continue voting as you have on this measure, let's say LB 510 just as an example, then I'm going to work to get you defeated. And you see people falling away. Others, somebody else, might have a bill like say LB 1234. Then, after that person changes a vote, then the very next thing, the Governor says, I support that bill and it's the greatest thing in the world, which means he got very bad advice from his honchos because they're looking at a very narrow political issue. So if, when it comes to the appropriation process, the same spinelessness is shown by the Legislature as has been shown on other issues then the whole store is being given away and I promise you I shall taunt, I shall mock, I shall ridicule because that is not what this Legislature is supposed to be. The Legislature is not a rubber stamp. At the federal level,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the Senate is deemed to be more powerful than the House, but to kind of balance that out all appropriations measures originate in the House, in the House of Representatives, that loud, raucous, scarcely civilized group of people who are always saying, when they want the office, I'm for term limits, but as soon as their rear end, their seat, touches the seat of the chair they don't believe in term limits anymore, so they're dishonest people, basically. But, nevertheless, that's where the money bills originate. Here we have a responsibility and I think this bill is a start in that direction. I'm going to support LB 1214, but I still think there's some issues that need to be discussed.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1214, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Lieutenant Governor Maurstad, members of the Legislature, I just passed out to you an additional piece of information that I thought might be of interest to you. As you heard from previous discussion, the reason for reducing the property tax relief by \$10 million was basically to allow for revenue reduction and A bills. If you did not do that, instead of having \$14 million or so to deal with A bills and revenue